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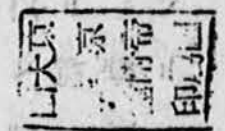


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民政黨八三日午後一時富山市別院ニ北

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民政黨北陸大會ニ於ケル若槻總裁ノ演説ハ左ノ如クデアル

現代外交ハ國際正義ヲ基調トシテ世界ノ共存共榮ヲ目的トスルモノデナケレバナライ。現内閣並ニ我ガ黨ノ外交方針ハ此ノ指導精神ヲ貫イテ我國ノ存立ヲ確保シ併セテ世界人類ノ福祉ニ貢獻セントスルノデアアル。近時對支外交ニ關シテ世間動モスレバ兎角ノ言葉アルカニ聞クガ對支外交ノ方針モ又以上ノベタル指導精神外ニ出ヅベキデナイノデ私共ノナシツ、アルトコロハ必ズヤ貴明ナル國民ノ支持スル處タルヲ國ク信ズルモノデアアル。私共ハ支那ノ所謂新與意圖ヲ尊重スルニ充分ナル用意ヲ有スルモノデアアル。然シナガラ以上ノ指導精神ハ滿蒙地方ニ於テ現ニ我國ガ享有スルトコノ權利利益ヲ飽ク迄固守スベキヲ奮勵スルモノデハナイ。蓋シソノ權益タルヤ國際正義ノ通念ニ於テ我國ガ之ヲ放棄スベキ理由幾末モ之レナキガ故デアアル。



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交政策ハ最初ニ申上ゲタ指導精神ヲ固守スルニ
アルノデアアル。乃チ國際正義ヲ基本トスル共存
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